

EDGMOND PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of Edgmond Parish Council which took place at **Edgmond Village Hall** on **Monday 9th January 2017** at **7.00p.m.**

PRESENT: Councillors: R Higginson (Chairman)
G Jones
K Humphreys
D Ryan
Mrs P Doherty
Mrs M Barton
Mrs C Edwards
Mrs P Hughes
M Hughes
L Bowers
S Bentley

In attendance: Katrina Baker, Clerk

17/1197 WELCOME AND PUBLIC SESSION

The Chairman, Councillor Higginson, welcomed everyone to the Full Council meeting and thanked them for attending.

There were no public in attendance and the meeting moved to the next item on the agenda.

17/1198 APOLOGIES

Cllr R Marriott On holiday

ABSENT

Cllr Mrs R Hayhurst

17/1199 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

All Members declared an interest in the Edgmond Neighbourhood Plan, as its existence would affect all members of the community. A dispensation has been agreed to allow Members to take part in discussions and vote as required. All Members, resident in Edgmond Parish declared an interest in the budget and once again had a dispensation to take part in the decision.

17/1200 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN DECEMBER 2016

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs P Doherty and seconded by Councillor Mrs C Edwards that the Minutes of the December meeting be signed by the Chairman as a true record. All were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that the Minutes be accepted and signed as a true record.

17/1201 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA, for information only

16/1186 Councillor Mrs Barton reported that the plaque had been fitted to the bench.

16/1192 Calibri font had been adopted for use on all Parish communications.

17/1202 WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY

a) Parish Warden and Police Report

A report from the Parish Warden had been circulated and would appear in the next magazine. The Parish Council has support the Warden by including a further item asking residents to use 101 to report anything 'out of the ordinary' at the time. This will also be included in the Parish article for the next magazine.

b) Working with Harper Adams University

The Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group had met with senior officers of the University regarding the Neighbourhood Plan. Thanks were extended to them for their help and support throughout the process. The next meeting with HAU will return to the usual agenda, if anyone has any matters they wish to include, please contact the Clerk.

17/1203

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

a) Report

None

b) New Applications for consideration

TWC/2016/1146 Harper Adams University

Creation of a new road junction to the engineering block

RESOLVED that the Parish Council would have no objections to the proposals

TWC/2016/1170 Land adjacent to Rock Hole Cottage

Lawful Development Certificate

RESOLVED that the Parish Council would have no objections to the application

TWC/2016/1184 Land adjacent to 56 Shrewsbury Road

Reserved Matters for the erection of a detached dwelling

RESOLVED that the Parish Council, whilst having no objections, would forward its Neighbourhood Plan Policy RES3 for the information of the Planning Officer.

c) Edgmond Neighbourhood Plan

- i) The Chairman presented the Regulation 14 Draft Neighbourhood Plan for Edgmond. He thanked every One involved in its creation and particularly Cllr P Hughes and Cllr P Doherty for proof-reading. This document represents the views of the community, collected through a questionnaire and a number of public sessions in the Village Hall.

It was proposed by Cllr R Higginson and seconded by Cllr G Jones, all were in favour and it was

RESOLVED that the Regulation 14 Draft Neighbourhood Plan be submitted to Telford & Wrekin Council for a further period of official consultation. The document now includes other supporting documents and will be forwarded to Natural England, the Environment Agency and Historic England as part of the Regulations.

The Plan and supporting documents will be added to the Edgmond Website and will appear on Telford.gov.uk from Monday 16th January 2017 for a 6 week period. All comments must be sent to the Clerk and the Steering Group will meet to discuss them at the end of the 6 week period.

- ii) Whilst progressing through the consultation, the Evidence Base will continue to be enhanced. Thanks were extended to representatives of PHE, who are assisting with a photographic document supporting the Neighbourhood Plan and incorporating the Conservation Area.

17/1204

ENVIRONMENT & RIGHTS OF WAY COMMITTEE

a) Report

No meeting has taken place

b) WET 3P Project

Work identified as part of WET 3P will be undertaken in the next two weeks. It had been confirmed that the financial contribution will not be required for 2016/17.

Cllr P Doherty and Mr Barton have been undertaking maintenance work on local rights of way and would appreciate the assistance of HAU students. Cllr Hayhurst had offered to liaise with the students. A risk assessment would be carried out by HAU before the work commences.

c) Tree Project

Councillor C Edwards reported that 50 trees had been planted with a further 35 to be planted on 15th January – any Members available to help would be appreciated.

d) Edgmond Community Team

A meeting of the Community Team will take place w/c 16th January to look at other work that can be undertaken with the remainder of the funding received from Veolia.

e) Land at Robin Lane

The TWC legal department are drafting the documents required for the transfer of land.

17/1205

HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORT & STREET LIGHTING COMMITTEE

a) Report

i) Junction of Marsh Road with Waterloo Road

TWC has investigated this further and reported the issue to STW. STW are dealing with the legalities of the flooding, due to a leak which is on private property.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would put pressure on STW to rectify this problem, which is of great concern when it freezes as the road is very dangerous.

A 'stream' has been evident down the highway for over two years and it brings with it sand and silt – photographs will be provided to be sent to STW as further evidence of the problem.

b) Street Lighting

A light opposite The Priory is still not visible due to the overgrown hedge – this has been reported to EON, but they will be reminded.

Overall the number of faults has dropped dramatically and we are now seeing the positive results of the maintenance contract. This is reflected in lower bills.

c) B5062

Councillor R Higginson and Cllr G Jones had attended the meeting with Police to discuss the wide range of issues and dangers relating to travel on the B5062 from Crudginton Crossroads to the Newport junction. Jacobs have completed a route study which has identified three hot spots and created an Action Plan which will commence in the New Year.

d) Other Matters

i) 30 mph needs re-siting in Marsh Road, by the dragon's teeth

ii) 2 drains on High Street are still blocked and in need of the gully tanker

17/1206

FINANCE

a) Payments & Financial Report

It was proposed by Cllr M Hughes and seconded by Cllr G Jones, all were in favour and the following payments were confirmed.

Cheque No	Expenditure	Amount
000597	Neighbourhood Plan	£1254.45
000598	Printing 530 Questionnaires	£445.00
000599	Street Light Repair	£79.87
000600	Tree stakes and ties	£333.18

b) 2017/18 Budget

Members considered the Draft Budget that had been circulated based upon the Strategy of the Parish Council and included projects that had been identified for the future.

Members thanked the Clerk for the additional work undertaken in recent months and it was proposed by Councillor G Jones and seconded by Councillor Mrs M Barton that the Clerk's salary increases to £3500.

RESOLVED that the Clerk's salary increases to £3500 for 2017/18.

It was proposed by Councillor R Higginson and seconded by Councillor D Ryan that the budget for 2017 / 18 be set at £18545. All were in favour. It was further proposed that £865 be used from balances in order to bring about a precept of £17,680.00. All were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that Edgmond Parish Council raises a precept of £17,680.00 for 2017/18 through Telford & Wrekin Council.

17/1207 COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

a) Report

- i) Councillor Mrs Barton would write the next magazine article on behalf of the Parish Council
- ii) The Clerk would send in the application form for the Local Council Award Scheme – it was agreed that Councillor Mrs P Doherty would attend the assessment.

17/1208 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Correspondence received for information only has been circulated to Members.
- b) Councillors R Higginson and G Jones would attend the Parish Forum on 10th January in Telford
- c) Anyone interested in being nominated to attend the Buckingham Palace Garden Party can contact the Clerk.
- d) Wrekin Area Committee will meet on 19th January 2017 at 7pm at The Parish Centre, Wrockwardine Wood & Trench

17/1209 CHAIRMAN’S AND CLERK’S REPORT

All matters had been included in the Agenda.

17/1210 MATTERS FROM TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL

Councillor S Bentley reported that the officers at the Borough are currently working on the budget for 2017/18 which has to take into consideration further cuts.

The re-organisation is continuing within the offices and is resulting in the loss of more officers, some through retirement and some through voluntary redundancy. It will be some time before all posts are filled and the Parish Council will be informed of the officers and their responsibilities within Edgmond Parish.

17/1211 PARISH MATTERS

- a) It is hoped that the old Royal Mail grey boxes will be removed in the New Year. All locations are to be identified.
- b) It was agreed to monitor the site and use of the litter bin on the B5062 by the lay-by and bus shelter at the end of Marsh Road. This will be included on a future agenda for further discussion.
- c) The community were asked to be respectful of neighbours when having bonfires.
- d) Superfast Broadband is available throughout Edgmond Parish – access ‘superfastbroadband’ on the telford.gov.uk website for further details.

17/1212 NEXT MEETINGS

13 th February 2017	7pm 8pm	Edgmond Village Hall	Environment Committee Highways Committee
13 th March 2017	7pm	Edgmond Village Hall	Full Council

There being no further matters, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm and thanked everyone for their important contributions to a successful meeting.

Signed**Date**

These minutes remain a draft (E & O A) until confirmed at the next Full Council meeting of the Parish Council in March 2017.